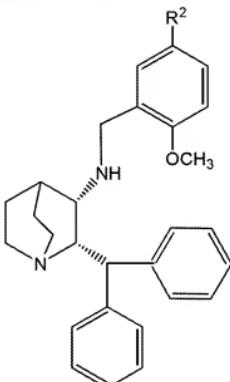


**AMENDED CLAIMS**

1-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently amended) A method of improving anesthesia recovery comprising the step of administering to an animal in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition of a NK-1 receptor antagonist; where said NK-1 receptor antagonist is a compound of Formula I



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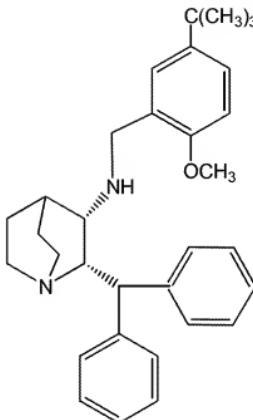
where R<sup>2</sup> is selected from the group consisting of methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, sec-butyl, and tert-butyl, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; a prodrug of said compound or said salt, or a solvate or hydrate of said compound, said salt or said prodrug.

12. (Withdrawn)

13. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 11 where said improving anesthesia recovery comprises reducing A method of using an NK-1 receptor antagonist; a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; a prodrug of said compound or said salt, or a solvate or hydrate of said compound, said salt or said prodrug, for improving the quality of anesthetic recovery by reducing excessive vocalization and/or purposeless movement.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently amended) A The method or use according to Claim 14 13 wherein said NK-1 receptor antagonist is a compound comprises of Formula Ia,



(Ia)

(2S,3S)-2-benzhydryl-N-(5-tert-butyl-2-methoxybenzyl)quinuclidin-3-amine, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

16. (Currently amended) The method or use according to Claim 15 wherein said compound is the citrate salt of the compound of Formula Ia.

17. (Currently amended) The method or use according to Claim 12 11 wherein said composition is parenterally, ~~enterally~~, or orally administered prior, during or after administration of general anesthesia.

18. (Currently amended) The method or use according to Claim 17 wherein said composition is administered parenterally.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently amended) The method ~~or use~~ according to claim 18 wherein the amount of the NK-1 antagonist is 0.01 mg/kg to 100 mg/kg of ~~a~~ an patient's animal's body weight.

21. (Cancelled)

22-24. (Withdrawn)

25. (New) The method according to claim 20 wherein said animal is a companion, food-source, or zoo animal.